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To the Superintendents.

Gentlemen:--

Please, at your earliest convenience, make a report to me on the American teachers now in your district. In your report, place in one column the names of the teachers whom you are willing to recommend for another year. Please consider separately those whom you cannot recommend, giving, with some detail, your reasons for unfavorable report. Do not make a favorable report unless you are firmly convinced that the teacher has made a success of his work or gives certain promise for the future. We must keep the standard of American teachers at the very highest mark.

Yours very truly,

EDWIN G. DEXTER
Commissioner of Education